

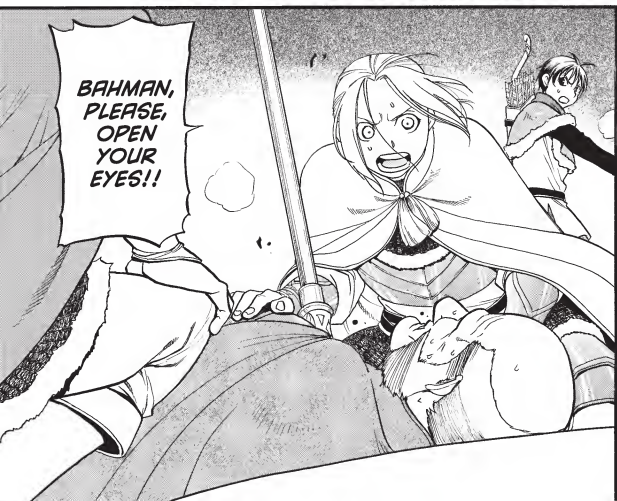
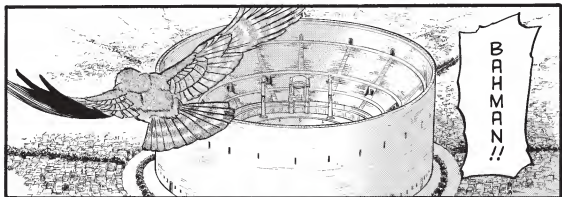
THE HEROIC LEGEND OF ARSLAN



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CHAPTER 52

YOSHIKI TANAKA
HIROMU ARAKAWA





YOU MUST
NOT, YOUR
HIGHNESS
GADHEVI!

SH-
SHER
SENANI?
WHAT
FOOLISH-
NESS!
I'LL
FIGHT
HIM
MYSELF...



YOU
MUST
NOT
DIE!

ALL IS NOT
LOST, AS
LONG AS
YOU REMAIN
ALIVE, YOUR
HIGHNESS!



DO YOU
BELIEVE
YOU CAN
DEFEAT
THAT
PARSIAN
KNIGHT
?!



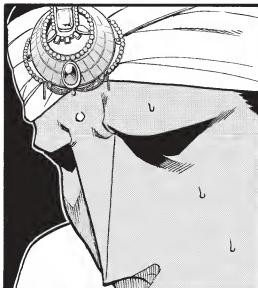
IT WOULD
NOT BE
STRANGE IF
YOU WERE
TO BE SLAIN
NOW, ON
THIS VERY
SPOT!!

YOU DEIFIED HIS
MAJESTY THE
KING'S DECREE,
AND REVOLTED
AGAINST THE
GODS' JUDGMENT.
YOUR HIGHNESS IS
A CRIMINAL NOW!

EVEN IF YOU ARE
NOT FORGIVEN,
YOU COULD
ENTER A TEMPLE,
AND ATONE FOR
YOUR SINS ON
THAT PATH.



BUT IF YOU
SHEATHS YOUR
SWORD NOW,
BOTH HIS MAJESTY
THE KING AND THE
GODS WOULD
SURELY PARDON
YOU.



I
BEG
OF
YOU,
PUT
AWAY
YOUR
SWORD.
...
I
BEG
OF
YOU
...

I,
...WILL MAHEN-
ACCOM- DRA...
PANY YOU
HIGHNESS
ANYWHERE.

HIS
HIGHNESS
GADHEVI
NO LONGER
HAS THE WILL
TO OPPOSE
THIS
JUDGMENT!

YOU
HAVE
SEEN
IT!

PARSIAN
KNIGHT,
PLEASE,
SHEATHE
YOUR
SWORD
AS WELL!

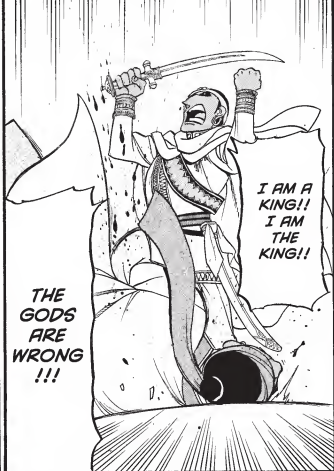






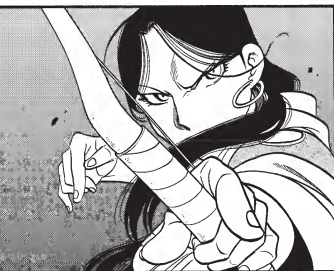


THNK

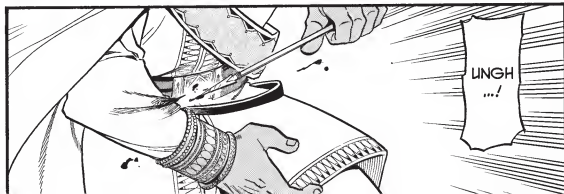


I AM A KING!!
I AM THE KING!!

THE
GODS
ARE
WRONG
!!!



...?!



LINGH
...!



NOW
YOU
FLEE,
CRIMINAL
?!

STOP
!!

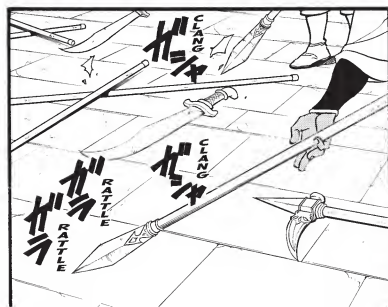


ALL THOSE
WHO ARE
LOYAL
TO HIM
ARE HIS
ACCOM-
PLICES TO
HIS GREAT
CRIMES!!

GADHEVI
BETRAYED
BOTH THE
WILL OF
THE GODS
AND
ROYAL
DECREE!!



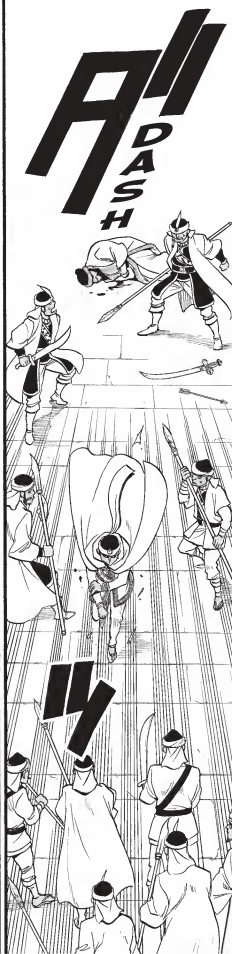
DISCARD YOUR
WEAPONS
AND SWEAR
LOYALTY TO
THE LAW AND
TO JUSTICE!!



CLANG
ガシャ

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RATTLE
RATTLE

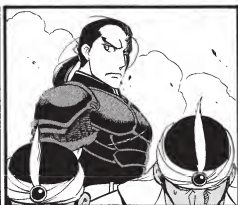
CLANG
ガシャ



DASH



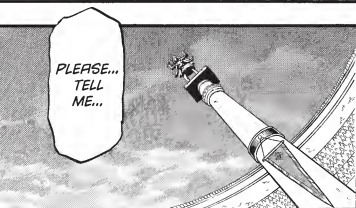
SIR
MAHEN-
DRA
!!



SIR
MAHEN-
DRA
!!

SIR
MAHEN-
DRA
!!





...WHO
AM I...?



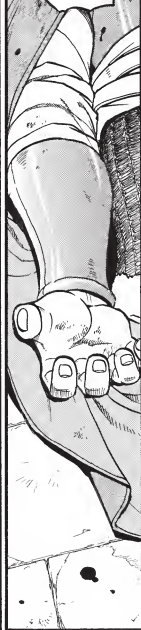
WHO IN THE
GODS'
NAMES AM
I...?

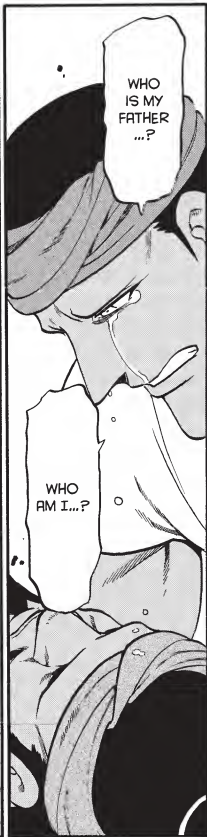
DO
NOT
LEAVE
!!

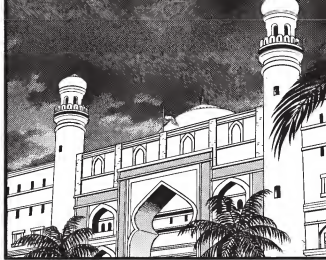


PLEASE
TELL
ME...

TELL
ME,
BAHMAN
!!







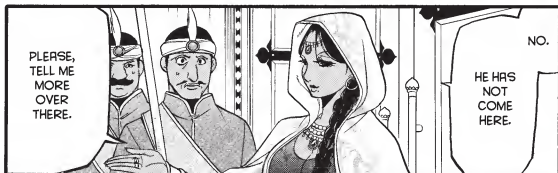


HIS
HIGHNESS
GADHEVI
DISAP-
PEARED
FROM THE
ARENA
DURING THE
CONFUSION...

WE
THOUGHT
HE MIGHT
BE
HERE...



*HIS
HIGHNESS
RAJENDRA
WAS
CHOSEN
AS THE
NEXT
KING.*



PLEASE,
TELL ME
MORE
OVER
THERE.

NO.

HE HAS
NOT
COME
HERE.



**S
L
A
M**



HIS
HIGHNESS
RAJEN-
DRA'S
GOING TO
BE KING
IS HE?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
BAHADUR
THE BRUTE
LOST.



AGREED!
IF WE'RE TALKING
BEHAVIOR,
HIS HIGHNESS
GADHEVI BEHAVED
ATROCIOUSLY
AFTER THE DUEL.

I LIKE HIS
HIGHNESS
RAJENDRA!

YES,
THAT
WAS A
SHAMEFUL
DISPLAY
...



HIS
HIGHNESS
GADHEVI
SHOULD
BE THE
SUCCESSOR!

HIS
BEHAVIOR
LACKS
NOBILITY!

A BOY
BORN FROM
A SLAVE,
BECOMING
KING! I
CAN HARDLY
BELIEVE IT!

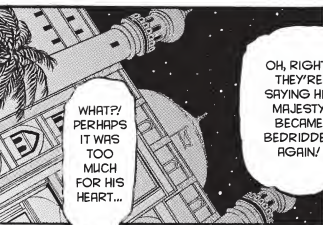


WHO
KNOWS
?

SOME ARE
SAYING THAT
HE FLED TO THE
BORDERLANDS
WITH HIS
SUBORDINATES.

COME TO
THINK OF
IT, DID
THEY EVER
FIND HIS
HIGHNESS
GADHEVI?

WELL,
THE PRIME
CANDIDATE TO
SUCCEED THE
THRONE IS A
TRAITOR NOW.

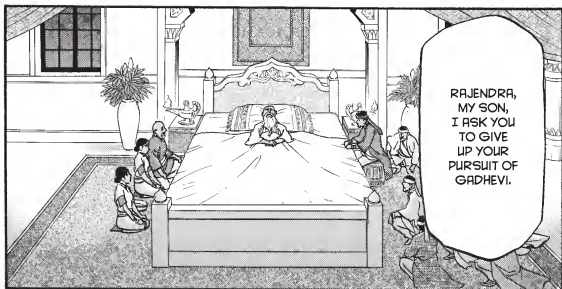


WHAT?!
PERHAPS
IT WAS
TOO
MUCH
FOR HIS
HEART...

OH, RIGHT!
THEY'RE
SAYING HIS
MAJESTY
BECAME
BEDRIDDEN
AGAIN!



AND JUST WHEN
HIS MAJESTY THE
KING BECAME WELL
ENOUGH TO LEAVE
HIS SICKBED—IT'S
ENOUGH TO MAKE
YOUR HEAD HURT.



RAJENDRA,
MY SON,
I ASK YOU
TO GIVE
UP YOUR
PURSUIT OF
GADHEVI.



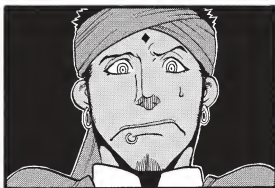
WHAT'S MORE,
HE MURDERED
MAHENDRA, OUR
PRIME MINISTER
AND HIS OWN
FATHER-IN-LAW.

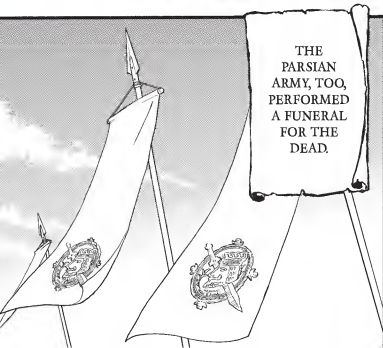
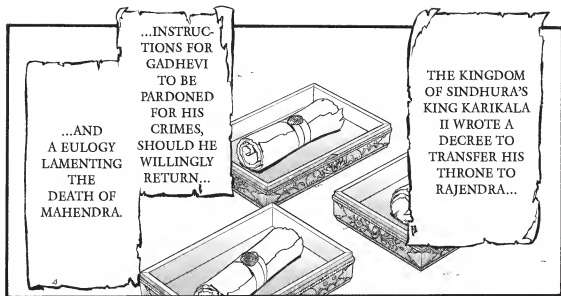
EVEN IF I
FORGAVE
HIM, THE LAW
AND JUSTICE
WILL NOT.



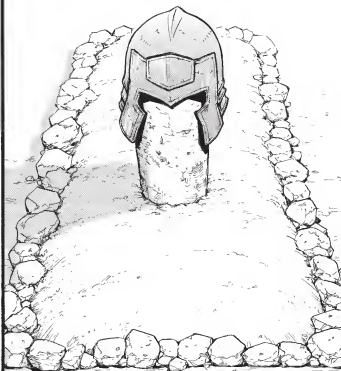
I KNOW
HOW YOU
MUST
FEEL,
FATHER.

BUT HE
DEFIED THE
JUDGMENT
OF THE
GODS, AND
YOUR WILL,
AS WELL.

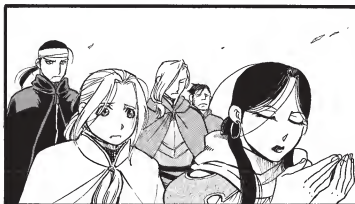




ARSLAN WENT
TO RAJENDRA,
AND RECEIVED
A SINGLE
HILL A SHORT
DISTANCE
FROM THE
CAPITAL,
URAIYUR.

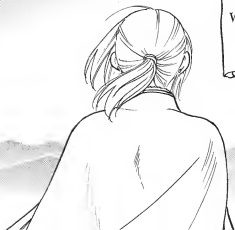


IT'S WEST
SLOPE BECAME
A CEMETERY IN
WHICH WERE
INTERRED BAHMAN
AND SOME TWO
HUNDRED SOLDIERS
WHO HAD DIED
IN BATTLE.



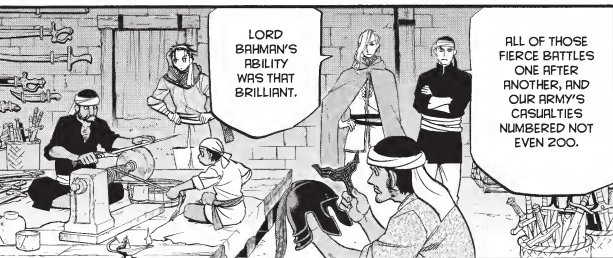
...IS THE
DIRECTION
FACING
PARS, THE
HOMELAND
OF THE
FALLEN.

WEST...





DARYUN TOOK OVER
COMMAND OF THE UNIT
OF 10,000 CAVALRYMEN
THAT HAD BEEN LED
BY MARZBĀN BAHMAN,
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
THE WISHES OF THE
SUBORDINATES WHO
HAD EACH LED 1,000 OF
THOSE CAVALRYMEN
UNDER BAHMAN.



LORD
BAHMAN'S
ABILITY
WAS THAT
BRILLIANT.

ALL OF THOSE
FIERCE BATTLES
ONE AFTER
ANOTHER, AND
OUR ARMY'S
CASUALTIES
NUMBERED NOT
EVEN 200.



YES.

YOU
GAVE HIS
HIGHNESS
SOME SORT
OF EXPLANATION
LIKE
THAT.

DO YOU REMEMBER
HOW, AT GUJARAT
FORTRESS, I
SAID THAT I THINK
OUT ALL KINDS
OF DIFFERENT
STRATEGIES,
AS FAR AS I CAN?



NO,
I STILL
HAVE MUCH
TO LEARN.

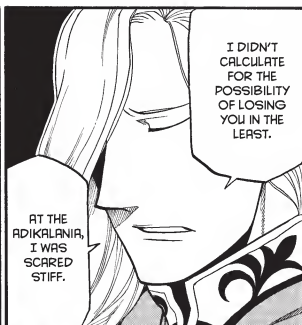
YOUR
STRAT-
EGIES,
TOO.



"MY STRATEGY WILL CRUMBLE APART FROM THE BOTTOM UP!"

SO I FEARED!

HUH/
SO YOU WEREN'T WORRIED AS MY FRIEND, BUT AS A TACTICIAN ?!



I DIDN'T CALCULATE FOR THE POSSIBILITY OF LOSING YOU IN THE LEAST.

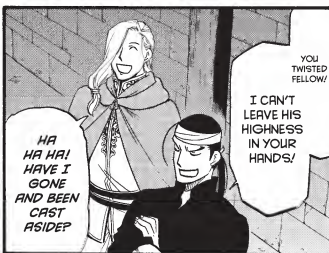
AT THE ADIKALANIA, I WAS SCARED STIFF.



WHAT IS IT?

LORD DAR-YUN.

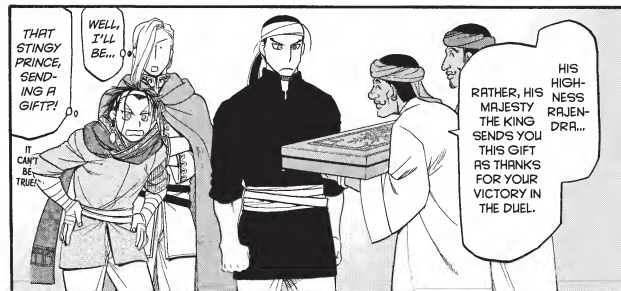
MAY WE HAVE A MOMENT?



YOU TWISTED FELLOW!

I CAN'T LEAVE HIS HIGHNESS IN YOUR HANDS!

HA HA HA!
HAVE I GONE AND BEEN CAST ASIDE?



THAT STINGY PRINCE, SENDING A GIFT?!

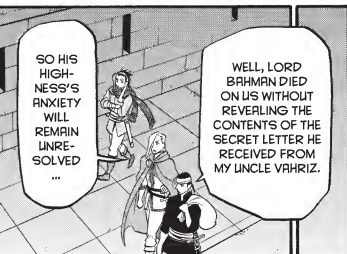
WELL, I'LL BE...

IT CAN'T BE TRUE!

HIS HIGHNESS RAJENDRA...
RATHER, HIS MAJESTY THE KING SENDS YOU THIS GIFT AS THANKS FOR YOUR VICTORY IN THE DUEL.

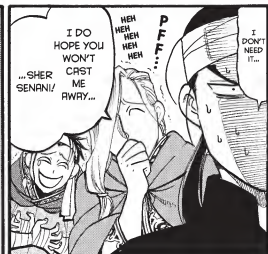


BECAUSE
YOU MUST BE
INCONVENIENCED
BY YOUR CAPE
BURNING
UP DURING
THE FIGHT,
HIS MAJESTY
INSISTS THAT
YOU HAVE THIS!



SO HIS
HIGH-
NESS'S
ANXIETY
WILL
REMAIN
UNRE-
SOLVED
...

WELL, LORD
BAHMAN DIED
ON US WITHOUT
REVEALING THE
CONTENTS OF THE
SECRET LETTER HE
RECEIVED FROM
MY UNCLE VAHRIZ.



I DO
HOPE YOU
WON'T
CAST
ME
AWAY...

...SHER
SENANI!

HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
PFF...

I
DON'T
NEED
IT...



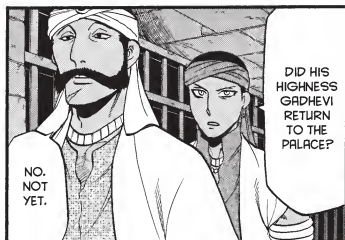
I THINK IT
WOULD BE MORE
INTERESTING
IF HIS HIGH-
NESS ARSLAN
DOESN'T
HAVE THE
BLOOD OF THE
SO-CALLED
RIGHTFUL
ROYAL LINE IN
HIS VEINS.



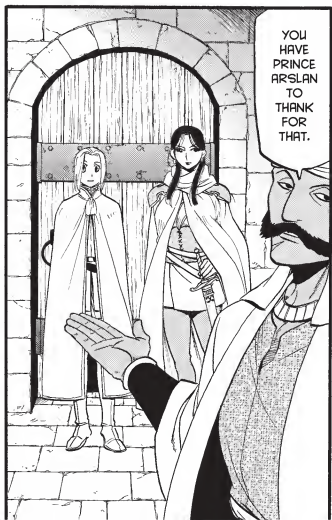
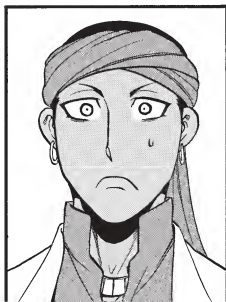
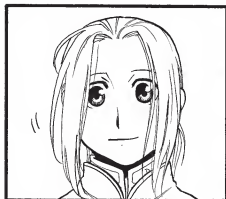
IN THIS
VERY
KINGDOM,
A BOY
BORN TO
A SLAVE
BECAME
KING!

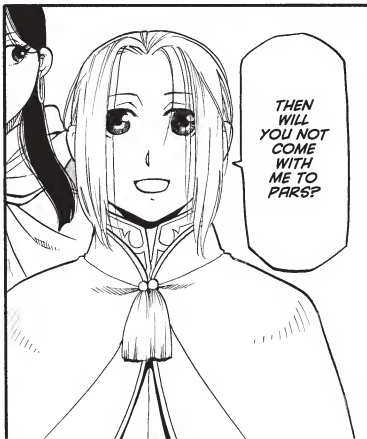
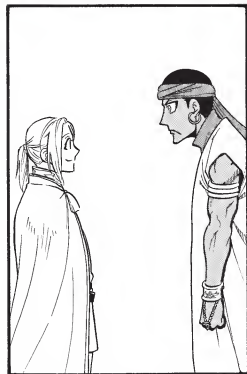
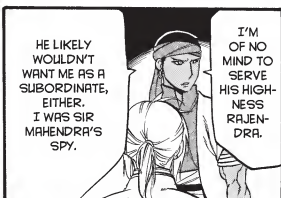
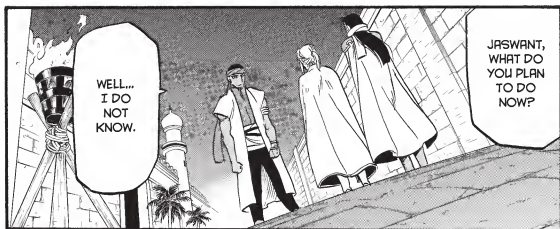
IS ONE'S
BLOOD-
LINE TRULY
WORTH
WORRYING
ABOUT?

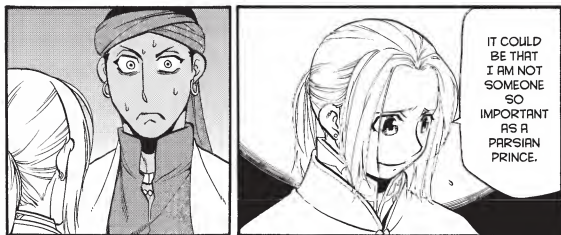
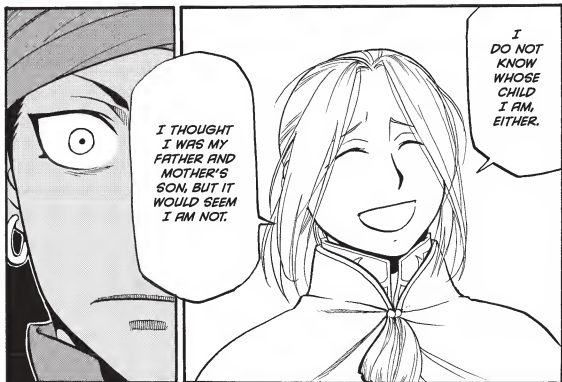
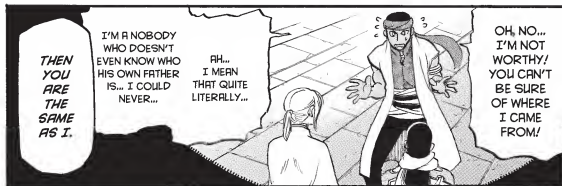


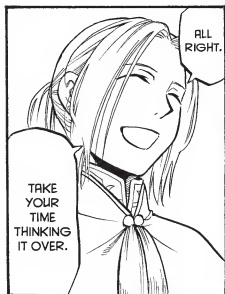


DID HIS HIGHNESS
GADHEVI
RETURN
TO THE
PALACE?













HOW
ARE YOU,
YOUR
MAJESTY,
OUR NEW
KING?



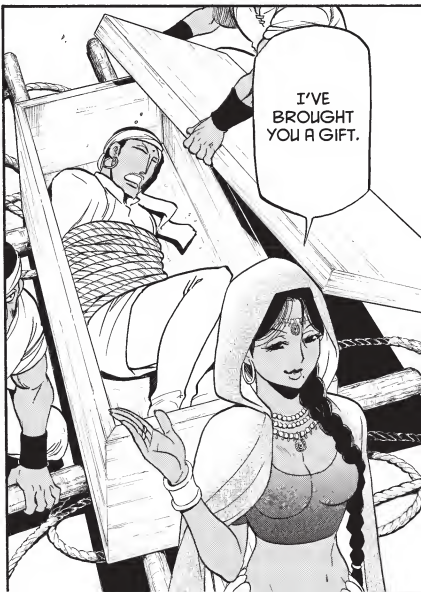
DID SHE
BRING
ME
POISON
?!

NO,
MAJESTY,
IT'S...



LADY
SALIMA
SAYS SHE
BRINGS
A GIFT
FOR YOUR
MAJESTY...

WHAT
?!



I'VE
BROUGHT
YOU A GIFT.

To be continued...

